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EDUCATION

Colorado Mountain College, Rifle, CO
Associates of Science 1997
University of Colorado, Denver, CO , 2002
B.S. in Psychology- Graduated with honors as a Psi-Chi member

EXPERIENCE

1990-Present Hooves for the Heart-
Design and implement therapeutic horseback riding programs for children with severe emotional disorders.

1990-Present Canine Country School- Animal Behavior Specialist
Develop protocol and instruct training for companion animals and their people through the integration of behavior modification techniques with current non-aversive learning theory models.

1997-2003 Developmentally Delayed Resource Center-
Stewardship over a 34 year old Trisomy 15/18 patient by feeding through a G tube, bathing, catheterizing and providing physical, mental and emotional assistance through the use of companion animals.

November 2000 Featured speaker in Waikiki, HI on behavior modification.

1999- 2003 Featured speaker at the University of Denver (biyearly bases)
Animal assisted activities and animal interventions in the therapeutic model.

February 2000 Featured speaker at Horses & Healing on therapeutic horseback riding interventions.

May 2002 Featured speaker throughout Victoria, Australia.
Integral part of program development for the Department of Corrections and Human Services on behavior modification and management choices.

2003- Present Animal Behavior Academy Program Coordinator and Master Instructor
Responsible for animal training apprentice program development, implementation and assessment.

Oct. 2004 Presented therapeutic animal interventions at ATTACH conference in Richmond, Virginia

October 2005 Therapeutic riding program development workshop in Northern California.

Oct 2006 Presented a full day for Children Hope & Horses on therapeutic animal interventions, Boca Raton, FL.

April 2008 Animal therapeutic interventions organizer & head instructor at Turning Point Camp, Sweetwater, CO

May 2009 Animal therapeutic interventions organizer & head instructor at
Turning Point Camp, Sweetwater, CO
April 2010 Animal therapeutic interventions organizer & head instructor at
Turning Point Camp, Sweetwater, CO

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1988 Present Active member and volunteer with the AKC
Roaring Fork Kennel Club
1990 Colorado State Fair Grand Champion Dog Obedience Team
1990-1991 Garfield County Fair and Rodeo Queen
1991 Colorado State Fair Grand Champion Dairy Goat and
Dairy Goat Showman
1993 Colorado State fair Grand Champion Trail Horse
1994-Present Judge Obedience, Showmanship, Agility and Rally annually
for at least three counties within the region for their county
fair or fun matches.
1998- Present Subscriber to Animal Wellness, Whole Dog Journal, Dog
Watch, Whole Horse Journal and Equus
1998- Present APDT Professional Member # **71904**
1999 With the backing of the University of Colorado, designed and
conducted an experiment in self-esteem development through the
use of therapeutic horseback riding.
2000 Psi Chi Member (Psychology Honors Association)
2000- Present Certified Professional Dog Trainer- Knowledge Assessed
Certificate #**1020226**
2000-2006 Board of Directors for the SAVY nonprofit foundation to
Stop America's Violent Youth
2001- Present Registered riding instructor with NARHA # **39679**.
2001- 2010 Member of Equine Facilitated Mental Health Assoc
2001 Authored the biography, Dandelion on My Pillow, Butcher Knife
Beneath
2001 Chairman of Grant Committee for SAVY, Inc.
2002- Present Volunteer with Colorado Animal Rescue: training out or
assessing extreme behavior in dogs
2003 Authored the riding program, It's Not Just Horsin'
Around With Defiant Kids
2003 Awarded the WIRED award from the Small Business
Development Center (Willpower, Initiative, Resolve,
Enthusiasm, Determination)
2002-Present Served on board of directors of the Roaring Fork Kennel
Club
2003 - Present American Red Cross Instructor Certification with Pet CPR &
First Aid endorsement
2004- Present Chairperson for Hospitality of annual AKC dog show
2005 - 2010 Eagle County Dog 4-h Leader & county fair superintendent
2005- Present Volunteer with the Rifle Shelter: training out or assessing
extreme behavior in some dogs

2006- Present Canine Corner Newsletter editor for the Roaring Fork Kennel Club

2007 Presented Canine Body Language to NW Expo

2008 Presented Canine Body Language to Grand Valley Kennel Club

2008- 2012 Latham Foundation Member

2009 -2012 Active member of Therapy Dog International with two volunteering dogs

2009 - Present Certified Equine Interaction Professional by Certification Board of Equine Interaction Professionals

2010- Present Active Division of Wildlife volunteer

2011 - 2012 Therapy Dog International Evaluator #**1136**

2011- Present Eagle County Community Animal Response Team Member

2011- Present PATH certified equine Specialist Mental Health & Learning

2011- Present Certified Horsemanship Association Level 2: Trail, English & Western

2012- Present Therapy Dogs Incorporated registered handler with 1 therapy dog.

2012- Present Therapy Dogs Incorporated Tester/ Observer